

PDP COMMODITY
SAMPLE FACT SHEET
(effective 10/01/02)

PRODUCT: Sweet Bell Peppers (PP)

SAMPLING PROCEDURES:

- ? Sampling begins October 1, 2002.
- ? Sweet Bell Peppers will be sampled for 2 years, continuing through September 30, 2004.

VARIETIES: If the variety is easily identified on the package, enter that information in the "Variety" field of the Sample Information Form (SIF). If the variety is not available, leave the "Variety" field blank. Sample collectors should not enter the brand or trade name (i.e, Dole, Libby's) on the SIF.

AVAILABILITY: Year-round.

SAMPLE SIZE: 5 pounds (fresh)

UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS: Chili peppers which include Anaheim, Fresno chili, habanero, jalapeno, pepperoni, poblano, Serrano, scotch bonet, banana peppers, yellow wax, Caribe, Hungarian wax, Anaheim red chili, ancho, chili de Arbola, Chili ristras, etc.

PACKAGING AND SHIPPING: Sweet bell peppers should be packaged with sufficient coolant materials to ensure samples arrive in the laboratory in acceptable condition.

All sweet bell pepper samples will be shipped to the New York laboratory (NY1).

RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT CONDITIONS:

Fresh:

- ? Desired transit temperature: 45°F to 55°F (7 to 13°C)
- ? Desired relative humidity: 90 to 95 percent
- ? Highest freezing point: 30.7°F (-0.7°C)

ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:

Fresh--yes:

- ? Sweet bell peppers should not be packaged and shipped in the same box with other ethylene producing/sensitive commodities